TALE OF A STRANGE, WONDERFUL WOMAN AND MYSTERIOUS ADVENTURES

By H. RIDER HAGGARD

Greek fashion, so named after his was, I had the sense to rush aft. I grandfather) evidently made some felt the dhow sinking under me—she attempt to start on the quest, for his was full of water. Under her counter, written in very faint and almost illegible uncial, is: "I started homed, who had been steering, leap to seek, but the gods were against into her. I gave one desperate pull at the tow rope to bring the boat along-

low came a variety of Greek signatures.

The last entry, apparently, to judge by the style of writing, was made by some representative of the family in the middle of the eighteenth century, it was the well known quotation by Hamlet, "There are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in your philosophy, Horatio."

"Well," I said, when I had read these paragraphs out, at least those

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It was Lee. Lee brought back by thankful enough to get under the the wave—back, dead or alive, from shade of a group of trees. Seeing what appeared to be an open space of water appeare for a time, or that there is or was white soreeress living in the hear of an African swamp. It is bosh, my

"Perhaps you are right," said Leo, in a quiet voice. "I express no opinion. But I say this, I am going to set this matter at real at once and

the ocean, bound for Zanzibar.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.
On the night isdoes his death M. L. Vincey with Hogges Molly in his rooms at Cambridge and gains from him a promise to be some the guardian of his too Lee, hen fire years old. He founder of the famile, was an Enystian prist colled Keilfartze, or the Strong and Beauful, and entreats to his friend an troo but that is to be ofered on his sons twenty-fifth birtiday. It has morning Vincey is found desti. Lee growt to be a roundrally hundsome youth, whereas Holly is distinguished for his usiness. When the iron box is obsered at the spontant time a letter system by Vincey divisors the fact that he took his bown life. He talls of having gone to a hitherto unexplored region of Africa in an attempt to trace the extraordinary antiquity of his mod, and of learning from a native that far in land were cause surrounded by measureless sarange, where the recipie were ruled by a heart tiffy whicher he will carry out the quest begun by his father.

CHAPTER IV.

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A Strange History.

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ERFECTLY bewildered. I turned the relic over. It was covered from top to bottom with notes and signatures in Greek, Latin and English. The first in uncial Greek was by Tsisthenes, the son to whom the writing. fully as a sack of potatoes. Then we returned and dozed off.

I remember no more, till suddenly a frightful roar of wind, a shrick of

first in uncial Greek was by Tsis- great sail, and high in the air it was thenes, the son to whom the writing huge wounded hird. Then for a mowas addressed. It was: "I cannot ment there was comparative calm, go. To thee, my son Kallikrates." and in it I heard Job's voice yelling wildly, "Come here to the boat."

This Kallikrates (probably, in the Hewildered and half drowned as I

me. To thee, my son."

Between these two ancient writings, the second of which was inscribed upside down, was the bold, modern signature of one Lionei Vincey, "Actate suo 17," which was written thereon, I think, by Leo's grandfather. To the right of this second we were fast to her, and in another grandfather. To the right of this second we were driving before the were the initials "J. B. V.." and bestorm over the place where the down low came a variety of Greek signature. "Great God!" I shricked. "Where

these paragraphs out, at least those of them that were still legible, "that is the conclusion of the whole matter,"
Lee, and now you can form your own opinion of it. I have already formed mine."

"And what is it?" he asked, in his quick way.

"Comes another."

I turned: a second huge wave was overtaking us. I hoped it would drown me. With a curious fascination I watched its awful advent. The moon was nearly hidden now by the wreaths of the rushing storm, but a little light still caught the crest of the distribution.

opinion. Witt I say this, I am going to shadows, had caused them shadows, had caused them the lifted the rifle, and the room to flee away. I sat there in the boat and watched the sun rise, till presented by the shadows had savery cui-de and watched the sun rise, till presented by the shadows had savery cui-de and watched the sun rise, till presented by the shadows had savery cui-de and watched the sun rise, till presented by the shadows had savery cui-de and watched the sun rise, till presented by the shadows had savery cui-de and watched the sun rise, till presented by the shadows had savery cui-de and watched the sun rise, till presented by the shadows had savery cui-de and watched the sun rise, till presented by the shadows had savery cui-de and watched the sun rise, till presented by the shadows had savery cui-de and watched the sun rise, till presented by the shadows had savery cui-de and watched the sun rise, till presented by the shadows had savery cui-de and watched the sun rise, till presented by the shadows had savery cui-de and watched the sun rise, till presented by the shadows had savery cui-de and the shadows had savery cui-de and watched the sun rise, till presented by the shadows had savery cui-de and CHAPTER V.

The Squall.

OW different is the scene that

The squall in, bound for Zanzibar.

The squall in the end of the promontory which between me and the majestic sight, is going like an arrow, and a hundred with so much peril, is going like an arrow, and a hundred with so much peril, is going like an arrow, and a hundred with so much peril, is going like an arrow, and a hundred with so much peril, is going like an arrow, and a hundred with so much peril, is going like an arrow, and a hundred with so much peril, is going like an arrow, and a hundred with so much peril, is going like an arrow, and a hundred with so much peril, is going like an arrow, and a hundred with so much peril, is going like an arrow, and a hundred with so much peril, is going like an arrow, and a hundred with so much peril, is going like an arrow, and a hundred with so much peril, is going like an arrow, and a hundred with so much peril, is going like an arrow, and a hundred with so much peril, is going like an arrow, and a hundred with so much peril, is going like an arrow, and a hundred with so much peril, is going like an arrow, and a hundred with so much peril, is going like an arrow, and a hundred with so much peril, is going like an arrow, and a hundred with so much peril, is going like an arrow.

Can You Beat It?

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Just then Job came up, looking very stout and English in his shooting suit of brown flannel.

"Please, sir," he said, "as we have got all those guns and things in the whaleboat astern, to say nothing of the provisions in the lockers, I think it would be best if I got down and slept in her. I don't like the looks—here he dropped his voice to a portentous whisper—"of these black gentry; they have such a wonderful thievish way about them. Supposing, now, that some of them were to silp into the boat at night and cut the cable and make of with her? It would be a pretty go, that would."

The whaleboat, I may explain, was that this coast was a network of creeks and that we might require something to navigate them with.

"Well, Job," I said, "perhaps it would be as well."

"Accordingly, we hauled up the boat bundled into her about as grace:

"Accordingly, we hauled up the boat bundled into her about as grace:

"Well, it in, and the laugh woke up presently attacked by tons of thousands of the mest blood-thirsty and bugs mosquitoes that I ever saw or read of. Suddenly rolling out like shunder through the slence came the deep roar of a lion, and then of a second inon, moving among the reeds within fifty yards of us.

"You may be thankful that you are second with the ever of the same the drown while the drown while the sum of the same the second in a look of the most blood-thirsty and use minded through the siling and the steel pressed when a second inon, moving among the reeds within fifty yards of us.

Leo already had his rifle in his hand. I shouted to him to wait till they were nearer, and meanwhile straibed my own. Some fifteen feet from us the waite shallowed on a bank to a depth of about fifteen in the ward of the wards and presently the first of them—it was a light to down the man turned his took thereof and roared. At had nonnent Loo fired, and the bullet went right down her open mouth and out at the back of her neck, and down she dropped, with a splash dead. The second her of the went is the color of the ment" sa

thankful enough to get under the shado of a group of trees. Seeing what a dot a group of trees. Seeing what a day of a group of trees. Seeing what a day of the best of the be

along the banks of the other river, and soon came to the conclusion, from various indications, that it was The Squall.

We had wenthered with so much peril, shot. I must have one, though he between me and the majestic sight, and blotted it from my view. I still I have now to teil from that which has just been told. A gentle breeze fills the huge sail of our drow, and draws glowing light behind it, and then I store and over and ove the canal we had sighted a round hill

What is the color of the men?" said contradict, otherwise I would say that brace

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Another litter came up alongside of was a platform in front of the mouth

that this handsome and exceedingly asked Leo, who, thanks to years of

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Ustane Sings. old man Billali advanced, and gra- the forehead as a mother might. clously waved us into the cave, whither we went, followed by Miss Ustane, who did not seem inclined to

take the hints I gave her that we Billall said that it was a wonderful thing that had happened. No man had ever known or heard of white strangers arriving in the country of the People of the Rocks. He told us frankly that

I shrugged my shoulders at this, and he proceeded to say that no further instructions had been received on the subject of our disposal, and this being so, he was about to start to interview "She-who-must-besobeyed," generally spoken of, for the sake of brevity, as "Hiva," or She simply, who he gave us to understand was the Queen of the Amahagger, and learn her wishes.

I asked him how long he proposed to be away, and he said that by travelling hard he might be back on the fifth day, but there were many miles "What's up now, sir?" said Job doubtfully "Bless us and save us, doubtfully "Bless us and save us, and tearly that woman again! Now surely there's that woman again! Now surely that woman her necouragement. Why, look, they have asked Mahomed to dine too. There, that lady of mine to discuss the proposed to be away, and he gave us to understand was the Queen of the Amahagger, and learn her wishes.

I asked him how long he proposed to be away, and he said that by travelling hard he wishes.

Allah.

prompt young lady, who was called tuition, spoke Arabic very prettily Ustane, had done to Leo. If he kissed "Nay, my chosen," she answered, her back it was a token that he accepted her, and the arrangement constinued till one of them wearied of it, my people. Surely I meant nothing thou could I speak of that which is not yet?"

'And what didst thou see, Ustane"

Was finished—by the way, naught. Aske me not what I saw, none of the young ladies Why should I fright ye?" And then was finished—by the way, naught. Ask me not what I saw none of the young ladies Why should I fright ye?" And then offered to pet me in this fashion, though I saw one hovering round Job, to that respectable individual's evident alarm—the tween her hands and kissed him on

CHAPTER IX. The Feast, and After!

N the day following this remarkable scene it was announced to us that a feast would be held that evening in our honor.

he had at once given orders for our destruction, seeing that it was unlawful for any stranger to enter here, when a message had come from "She-who-ready, and, accompanied by Job, went must-be-obeyed" saying that our lives into the cave, where I met Leo, who were to be spared and that we were to was as usual followed by Ustane. be brought hither.

"Pardon me, my father," I inter"Pardon me, my father," I interrupted at this point; "but if, as I understand, "She-who-must-be-obeyed' lives yet further off, how could she have known of our approach?"

Billali turned, and seeing that we handsome features.

were alone—for the young lady.

The fire in the cave was an un-

were alone-for the young lady. The fire in the cave was an un-tistane, had withdrawn when he be-usually big one that night, and in a Ustane, had withdrawn when he began to speak said, with a curious large circle round it were gathered about thirty-five men and two women, that there none in your land who used the true and the woman to avoid can see without eyes and hear without ears? Ask no questions; She knew."

She would be seen that night, and in a large circle round it were gathered about thirty-five men and two women. Ustane and the woman to avoid whom Job had played the role of another Scriptural character. "What's up now, sir?" said Job

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thirty, from him.
"Well, I never!" he gasped; where"Great heavens!" roared Lee, "re"Great heavens!" roared Lee, "re-

The remains assume and were now travely for looking round we disavered ward accupability plains to ward accupability plains to another inter came up alongside of mine. In it set an old man olded in mine, In it set an old man olded in the set and the set and